

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a novel printer and a commodity information processing apparatus of the present invention, a printing section has a platen and a printhead located oppositely on both sides of the guide path; in the printing section, a cutter section has a stationary blade and a movable blade located oppositely on both sides of the guide path and cuts paper printed at the printing section by engaging the movable blade with the stationary blade. A first unit is located on one side of the guide path arranged inside the casing which can be separated into a first casing member and a second casing member, holding either one of the stationary blade and the movable blade in the cutter section; and a second unit located on the other side of the guide path has either one of the other platen and the other printhead and either one of the other stationary blade and the other movable blade. Under a state in which the casing is closed, the printhead and the platen are oppositely arranged and the stationary blade and the movable blade are positioned at a location where the paper can be cut, and under a state in which the casing is opened, the second unit is directly mounted to a second casing member in such a way that the printhead and the platen are arranged away from each other and the stationary blade and the movable blade are arranged away from each other. Accordingly, a weight of the structure for separating the printing section and the cutter section is made light.